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FWS TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON STANDARDS FOR FROZEN RAW BREADED SHRIMP

The Fish and Wildlife Service will hold a series of public conferences in five key cities from October 31 to November 12 to consider proposed standards for grading frozen raw breaded shrimp, the Department of the Interior announced today.

As an important part of its technological research program, the Service has been engaged for some time in the development of voluntary Federal standards for fishery products. Service technologists, with the active cooperation of the breaded shrimp producers enlisted through the FWS-contracted industry-liaison efforts of the National Fisheries Institute, have prepared the provisional draft of a voluntary standard. The draft is now ready for consideration and comment by producers, brokers, buyers, transportation agencies and others concerned with the application of the standard.

The meetings will open a brief statement of how the voluntary Federal standards are being developed for fishery products, and who can use them to advantage. The standards will then be considered, point by point, and the meanings of each point explained by the Service representative. Comments from those in attendance will be summarized by the Service representative presiding and made part of the record of the meeting. Consideration of the information developed in these discussions will indicate what changes, if any, are needed in the standards.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 31,	Jacksonville, Florida
Friday, November 2,	New Orleans, Louisiana
Monday, November 5,	Brownsville, Texas
Friday, November 9,	Los Angeles, California
Monday, November 12,	Chicago, Illinois

The exact time and place of the meetings will be announced in trade periodicals and the press as arrangements are completed.

This project for the development of voluntary standards for fishery products is being financed by funds available through the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act which was passed in 1954 to help the free flow of domestic fishery products in the channels of trade.

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